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Letter dated 13 November 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter dated 12 November 1995 from the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic State of Afghanistan addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 54, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ravân FARHÂDI
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Letter dated 12 November 1995 from the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to the previous letter, dated 12 October 1995 (S/1995/88), addressed to you in connection with the tension created by the interference of the Pakistani Government in Afghanistan, the following is brought to your attention:

The bands of Taliban, under the direct control of the Pakistani Government, recently gathered at the outskirts of the capital Kabul and suffered repeated setbacks as a result of the crushing blows by the forces of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, thus falling short of their heinous plans of taking over the city of Kabul.

Contrary to the claims made by the Pakistani Cabinet Ministers, proclaiming the Taliban bands to be an army of peace, this group has lately indiscriminately intensified its rocket attacks on the residential and non-military areas of Kabul. This is an attempt at the mass killing of the helpless citizens of Kabul.

On 11 November 1995, the Taliban launched as many as 170 rockets on the civilian-populated sectors of Kabul, as a result of which 37 innocent lives were lost and more than 52 civilians wounded, while immense damage was inflicted upon public property.

It gives me great anguish to note that most of the victims of these brutal rocket attacks were defenceless women and children engaged in normal daily activities. Among the martyrs were a group of six professional film-makers engaged in production of a film, as well as five schoolgirls who lost their lives while taking their college entrance examination at a testing centre.

The leadership of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, wishing to stress its position of principle in favour of the transfer of power and its support to the efforts of Ambassador Mestiri, Head of the Special United Nations Mission, is of the conviction that the interference of the Pakistani Government in the internal affairs of Afghanistan, characterized by its backing of Taliban and the recent added rocket attacks on the innocent inhabitants of Kabul, are aimed at subverting and impairing the very sensitive inter-Afghan dialogues.

To ensure a positive and smooth peace process in Afghanistan, the Islamic State of Afghanistan requests you to press the Pakistani Government to put an end to this blatant meddling in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and stop the barbaric and inhumane rocket attacks upon the innocent people of Kabul and on public establishments.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Najibullâh LAFRÂIE
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs